



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-372-F)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al. )

Serial No.: 09/927,850 )

Filed: August 10, 2001 )

For: Interferon-Like Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: J. Andres

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

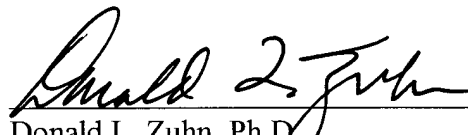
**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$930.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: February 19, 2003

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